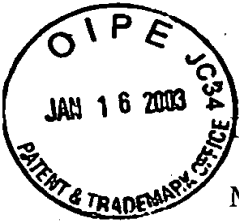


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In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, Applicants elect  
without traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-18 and 21, drawn to a sheet  
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Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.



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